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Patent Claims

1. Method of monitoring messages addressed to a first receiver (E1) in which
 - the first receiver (E1) is set up such that it has an "undesirable" receiving device (UNE),
 - the first receiver (E1) is set up such that access by a user of the first receiver (E1) to the "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) is prevented,
 - an "undesirable" message category is defined which indicates messages which are to be prevented from being delivered to a user of the first receiver (E1),
 - it is checked whether a message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) falls into the "undesirable" message category,
 - the message (M) is allocated to the "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) if the message (M) falls into the "undesirable" message category, and
 - the first receiver (E1) is set up such that the "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) can only be accessed by a second receiver (E2).
2. Method according to claim 1, in which
 - the first receiver (E1) is set up such that it has a "desirable" receiving device (ERW),
 - the first receiver (E1) is set up such that access by a user of the first receiver (E1) to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW) is permitted,
 - a "desirable" message category is defined which indicates messages which are delivered to a user of the first receiver (E1),
 - it is checked whether the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) falls into in the "desirable" message category, and

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- the message (M) is allocated to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW) if the message (M) falls into the "desirable" message category.
3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, in which
- the first receiver (E1) is set up such that it has an "unknown" receiving device (UNB),
 - the first receiver (E1) is set up such that access by a user of the first receiver (E1) to the "unknown" receiving device (UNB) is prevented,
 - an "unknown" message category is defined which indicates messages which do not fall into the "undesirable" message category or into the "desirable" message category.
 - it is checked whether the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) falls into the "unknown" message category, and
 - the message (M) is allocated to the "unknown" receiving device (UNB) if the message (M) falls into the "unknown" message category.
4. Method according to claim 3, in which
- the first receiver (E1) is set up such that the "unknown" receiving device (UNB) can only be accessed by the second receiver (E2).
5. Method according to one of the previous claims, in which
- the first receiver (E1) is set up such that changes to the "undesirable" message category by a user of the first receiver (E1) are prevented and the "undesirable" message category can only be defined by the second receiver (E2).
6. Method according to one of claims 3 to 5, in which the
- first receiver (E1) is set up such that
- changes to the "unknown" message category by a user of the first receiver (E1) are prevented and the "unknown" message category can only be defined by the second receiver (E2).

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7. Method according to one of claims 4 to 6, in which
 - messages in the "undesirable" receiving device are monitored using the second receiver (E2), and
 - monitored messages, under management by the second receiver (E2), are allocated to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW).
8. Method according to one of claims 4 to 7, in which
 - messages in the "unknown" receiving device (UNB) are monitored using the second receiver (E2), and
 - monitored messages, under management by the second receiver (E2), are allocated to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW).
9. Method according to one of the previous claims, in which a first e-mail account is used as first receiver (E1) to which an "undesirable" folder (UNE) is allocated as "undesirable" receiving device.
10. Method according to one of claims 2 to 9, in which a first e-mail account is used as first receiver (E1) to which a "desirable" folder (ERW) is allocated as "desirable" receiving device.
11. Method according to one of claims 3 to 10, in which a first e-mail account is used as first receiver (E1) to which an "unknown" folder (UNB) is allocated as "unknown" receiving device.
12. Method according to one of claims 4 to 11, in which a second e-mail account is used as second receiver (E2).
13. Method according to one of the previous claims, in which the checking of the message addressed to the first receiver (E1) is carried out before transmission to the first receiver (E1).

14. Method according to one of the previous claims, in which, in order to check the message addressed to the first receiver (E1), a probability is ascertained according to which the message falls into the "undesirable" message category.
15. Method according to one of claims 2 to 14, in which, in order to check the message addressed to the first receiver (E1), a probability is ascertained according to which the message falls into the "desirable" message category.
16. Method according to one of the previous claims, in which a spam filter is used to check the message.
17. System of monitoring messages addressed to a first receiver (E1), with
 - a first receiver (E1) which has an "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) and is set up such that access by a user of the first receiver (E1) to the "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) is prevented,
 - a second receiver (E2) to define an "undesirable" message category, which indicates messages which are to be prevented from being delivered to a user of the first receiver (E1), and
 - a device for checking whether a message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) falls into the "undesirable" message category, and to allocate the message (M) to the "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) if the message (M) falls into the "undesirable" message category, wherein the first receiver (E1) is set up such that the "undesirable" receiving device (UNE) can only be accessed by the second receiver (E2).
18. System according to claim 17, in which
 - the first receiver (E1) has a "desirable" receiving device and is set up such that access by a user of the first

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receiver (E1) to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW) is permitted,

- the second receiver (E2) is set up to define a "desirable" message category which indicates messages which are to be delivered to a user of the first receiver (E1), and
- the checking device is set up to check whether the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) falls into the "desirable" message category, and is set up to allocate the message (M) to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW) if the message (M) falls into the "desirable" message category.

19. System according to claim 17 or 18, in which

- the first receiver (E1) has an "unknown" receiving device (UNE) and is set up such that access by a user of the first receiver (E1) to the "unknown" receiving device (UNB) is prevented,
- the second receiver (E2) is set up to define an "unknown" message category, which indicates messages which fall neither into the "undesirable" message category nor into the "desirable" message category, and
- the checking device is set up to check whether the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) falls into the "unknown" message category, and is set up to allocate the message (M) to the "desirable" receiving device (ERW) if the message (M) falls into the "desirable" message category.

20. System according to claim 19 in which

the first receiver (E1) is set up such that the "unknown" receiving device (UNB) can be accessed only by the second receiver (E2).

21. System according to one of claims 17 to 20, in which the second receiver (E2) is a second e-mail account.

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22. System according to one of claims 17 to 21, in which the checking device includes a filter which categorizes the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) in the "undesirable" message category if the message (M) falls into the "undesirable" message category.
23. System according to one of claims 17 to 22, in which the checking device includes a filter which categorizes the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) in the "desirable" message category if the message (M) falls into the "desirable" message category.
24. System according to one of claims 17 to 23, in which the checking device includes a filter which categorizes the message (M) addressed to the first receiver (E1) in the "unknown" message category if the message (M) falls into the "unknown" message category.
25. System according to claim 24, in which the filter is a spam filter.